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          INCLUDING A RADIAL, )  
          ROTATION-PREVENTING )  
          ARRANGEMENT )  
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Sir:

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The non-English-language German patent document 197 53 918 is described in paragraph [4] on pages 3 and 4 of the specification of the application.

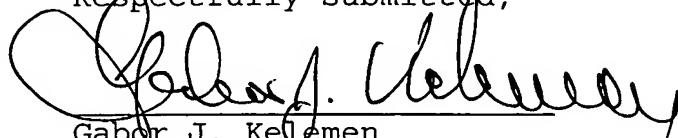
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